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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, EAIR, UR, MU
SUBJECT: SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS OF OMAN TERRITORY

1. OVER PAST TWO WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OVERFLIGHTS OF MASIRAH ISLAND BY AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT, WE WERE TOLD MARCH 13 BY FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY AL-ALAWI. HE SAID THESE APPEAR TO BE CONNECTED SOMEHOW WITH SOME SOVIET AIR MOVEMENTS SOUTHWARD OVER PERSIAN GULF AND, CURIOUSLY, TO COLOMBO IN SRI LANK, AND THENCE TO ADEN OR ETHIOPIA. AL-ALAWI SAID THAT RUSSIAN SUPPLY FLIGHTS TOWARD HORN OF AFRICA EARLIER THIS WINTER DID NOT OVERFLY MASIRAH BUT INSTEAD MUST HAVE TAKEN A COURSE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATER SOUTH OF THE ISALND.

2. OMANGOV IS CONSIDERING FILING WRITTEN PROTEST WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES (HE DID NOT SAY JUST HOW OR WHERE) REQUESTING THAT OVERFLIGHTS BE DISCONTINUED AND STATING THAT OMANGOV CANNOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF SUCH UNAUTHORIZED FLIGHTS IF THEY CONTINUE. HE SAID OMAN REQUESTS, FIRST, TO SHARE ANY INFORMATION USG MIGHT HAVE ON RECENT FLIGHT PATTERNS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT OVER MASIRAH AND, SECOND, OUR ADVICE, BASED ON WIDER USG EXPERIENCE, AS TO WHAT SOVIET REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE IF SUCH A PROTEST MESSAGE IS GIVEN THEM.

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3. REQUEST EARLY REPLY.
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